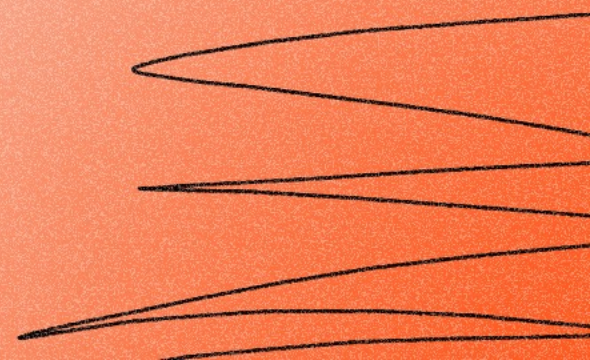


# The Gospels and Acts

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# The Gospels

- Four narrative strategies
- One consistent pattern
- “Jesus came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”
  - John 1:11–12

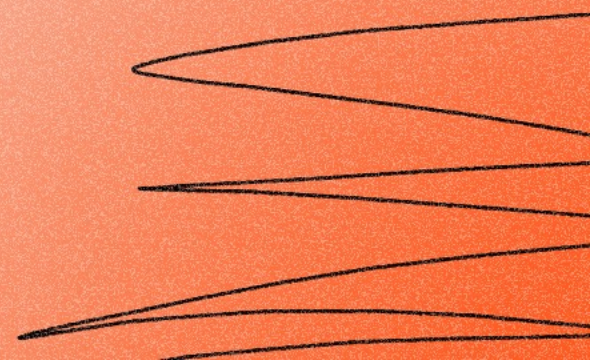
# The Gospels

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- Each Gospel notes the conflict between the Jewish leaders and Jesus.
- Each Gospel shows how this conflict intensifies until it reaches a tipping point.
- Each Gospel indicates that the message is sent to those who will respond – namely, the Gentiles.

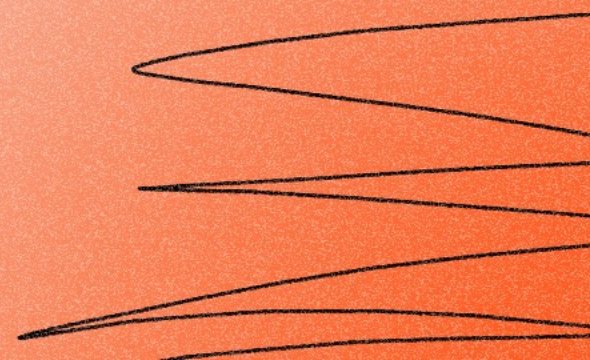


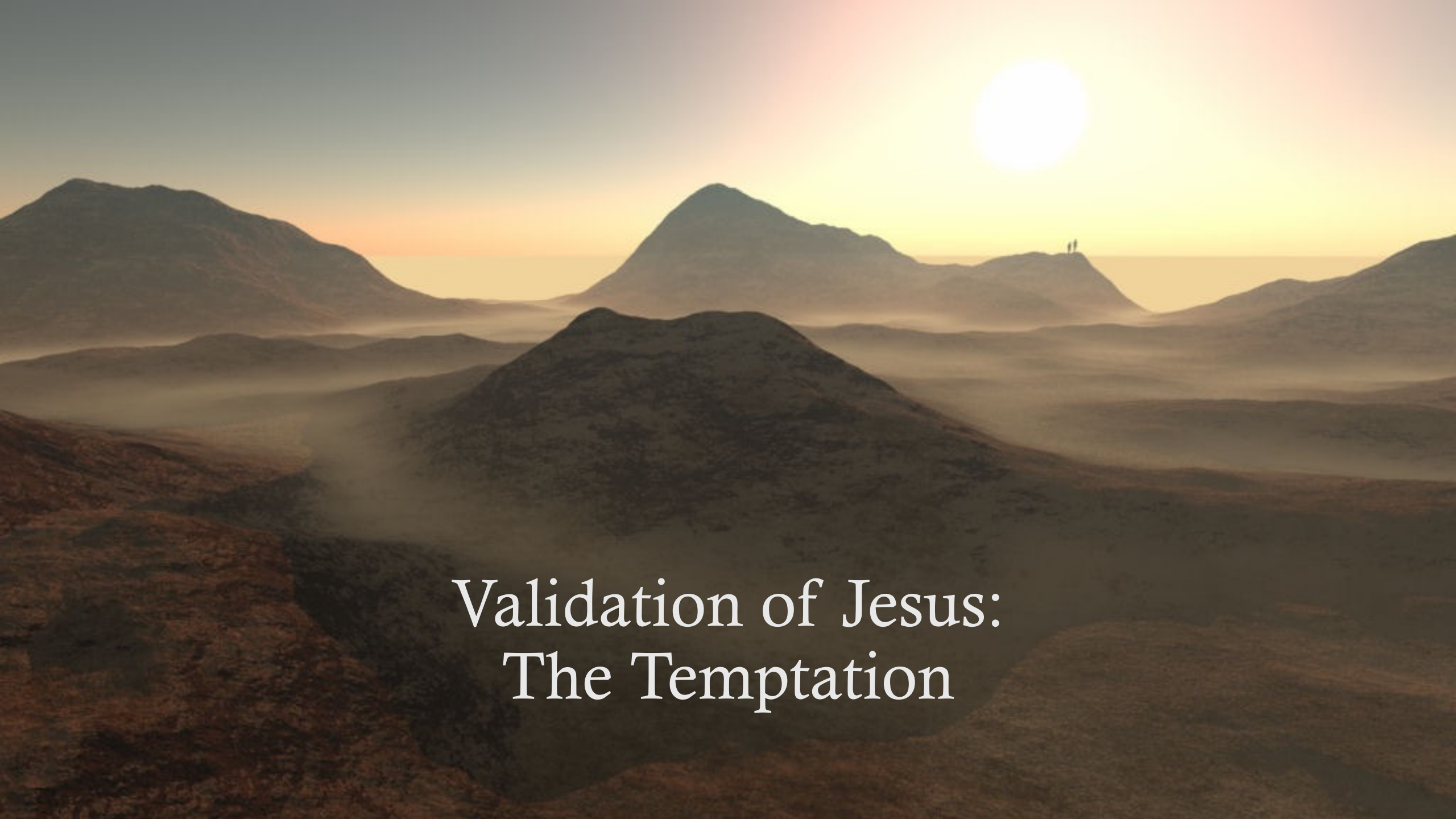
# The Gospel of Matthew



# Validation of Jesus the Messiah: 1:1–4:11

- His birth.
- His Baptism.
- His Temptation.





# Validation of Jesus: The Temptation

# Presentation of Jesus the Messiah: 4:12–10:42

- Proclamation validated by signs (4:17–25).
- Jesus as the Prophet like Moses (5:1–7:29).
- Authority of Jesus demonstrated through miracles (8:1–10:42).

# Presentation of Jesus as the Messiah

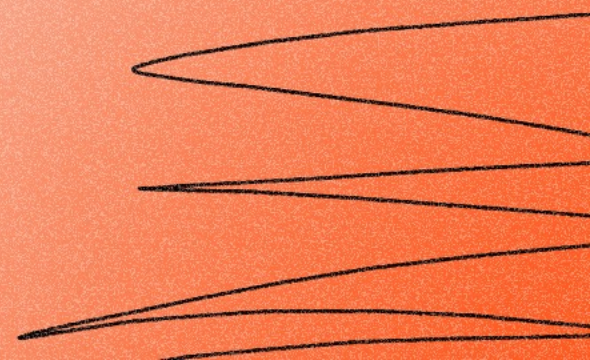
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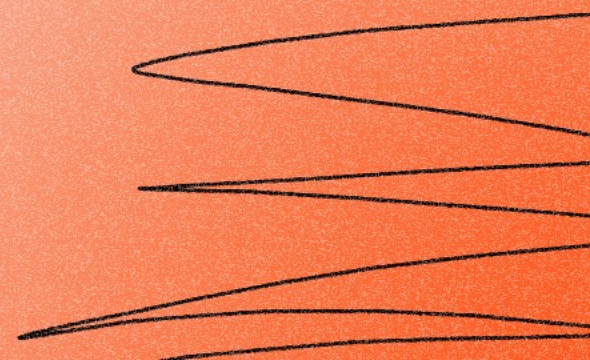
# Rejection of Jesus the Messiah: 11:1–12:50

- Imprisonment of John the Baptist
- Denunciation of certain cities
- Accused of violating the Sabbath
- Conspiracy to kill Jesus
- Accused of casting out demons by Satan's power
- Jesus' true family? Those who believe!



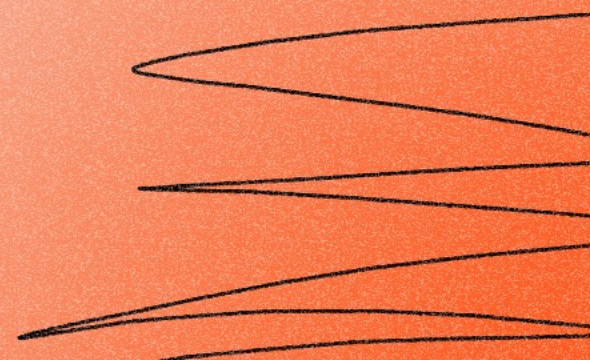
# Parables of the Rejected Messiah: 13:1–52

- Because Israel refused to act upon the knowledge of the King and His Kingdom, this knowledge was being taken from them.
- Isaiah had predicted this very thing (Matt 13:14–15 cf. Isa 6:9–10).
- There will be differing responses to the Word.
- The Gospel will go to the Nations.



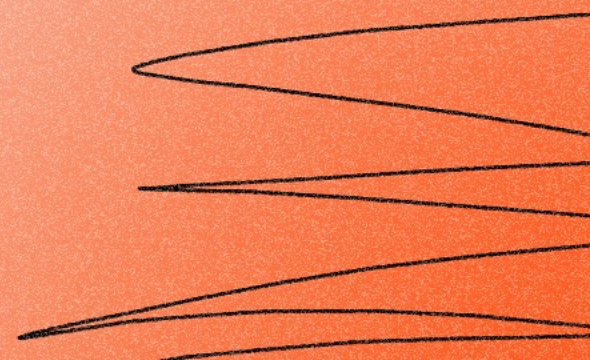
# Rejection of Messiah Continued: 14:1–20:34

- John the Baptist beheaded.
- From Jew to Gentile.
- Peter's Confession.
- The Transfiguration.



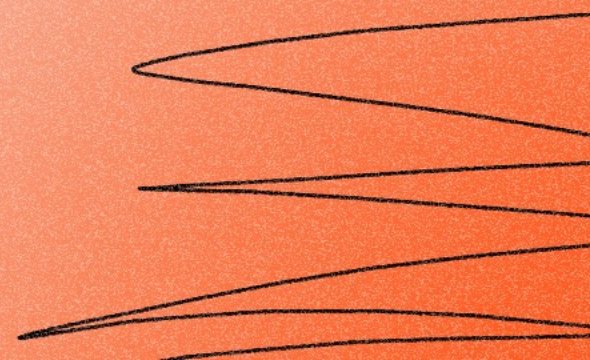
# Formal Presentation and Rejection: 21–25

- Triumphal Entry.
- Jesus cleansed the Temple and cursed the fig tree.
- Series of Parables.
- Curses Pronounced upon the Pharisees.
- Events that will culminate in the return of Messiah.



# Messiah Crucified and Resurrected: 26–28

- Trials and Crucifixion.
- Resurrection.
- Great Commission.



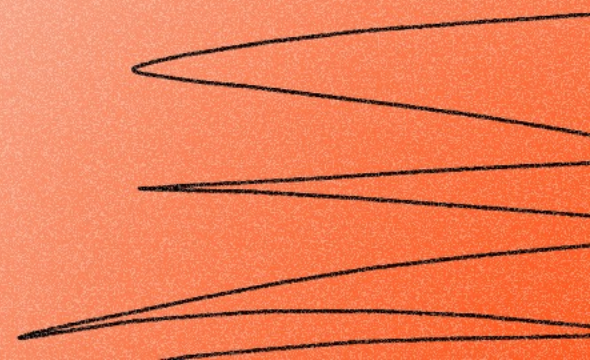
# The Gospels

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# Luke-Acts



# Gospel of Luke

- Major emphasis on Gentile inclusion.
- Jesus is the One who brings the promised redemption of Isaiah 61.
- Jesus is rejected by the Jews.
- Gentiles prove to be responsive to the message.
- Jesus knew that He must suffer and die in Jerusalem (9:51–19:27).
- Death, burial, resurrection, and Great Commission.



# The Book of Acts

- “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”
  - Acts 1:8

# The Book of Acts

- The Gospel in Jerusalem: Acts 1–7
- The Gospel in Judea and Samaria: Acts 8–12
- The Gospel towards the ends of the earth: Acts 13–28

# Note the Transition from Jew to Gentile

Jerusalem.....Judea and Samaria.....Remotest Parts of the earth

<u>Acts 1-7</u> Gospel to the Jews	<u>Acts 8</u> Philip to Samaria and Ethiopian Eunuch	<u>Acts 9</u> God raises up His Apostle to the Gentiles	<u>Acts 10</u> Peter preaches to Cornelius – a Gentile	<u>Acts 11</u> Antioch as Sending Church for Gentile outreach	<u>Acts 12</u> Jews still in rebellion against the Gospel	<u>Acts 13-28</u> Gospel to the Gentiles
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Acts 13:46.....18:6.....28:28

Acts 1-7  
Gospel to  
the Jews

Acts 8-12  
Transition

Acts 13-28  
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